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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
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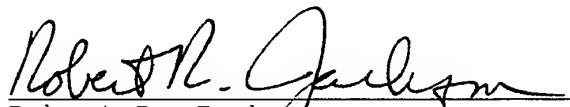
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These references are also listed on the attached
Form PTO-1449, and copies of them are enclosed.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this
patent application is respectfully requested.

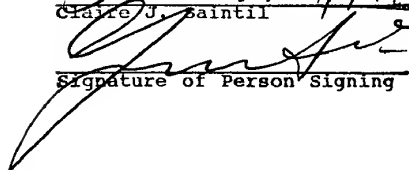
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